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EXCERPT

25X1A 1. FOLLOWING IS A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF A NEWS RELEASE TO BE ISSUED BY THE EDWARDS AFB PIO THIS P.M.:

QUOTE AN EXPERIMENTAL MODEL OF THE SR-71 TYPE AIRCRAFT OPERATED BY THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION IS MISSING AND PRESUMED DOWN IN A REMOTE AREA EAST OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE AIRCRAFT, UNREPORTED SINCE 1600 PST YESTERDAY, HAD SUFFICIENT FUEL TO REMAIN ALOFT ONLY UNTIL 1730 PST 5 JANUARY 1967.

THE MISSING AIRCRAFT, BASED AT EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA, WAS ON A ROUTINE TEST FLIGHT MISSION. ONLY THE TEST PILOT, A CIVILIAN, WAS ABOARD.

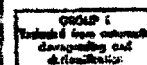
SEARCH PARTIES HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO COMB THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

THE NAME OF THE PILOT IS BEING WITHHELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN. UNQUOTE.

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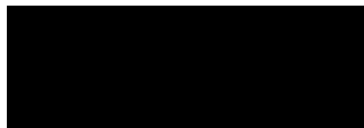
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2. THE FOREGOING HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH ALL APPROPRIATE
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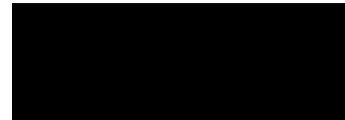
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